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SUBJECT: Ecological Risk Assessment Issues Associated with the Addition of *Lasius neoniger* ant to the Chipco® Firestar™ Label (PC Code 129121; DP Barcode D286631)

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This memorandum provides a preliminary environmental fate and toxicity assessment for a proposed amendment to include *Lasius neoniger* as a target insect on the Chipco® Firestar™ Label. EFED believes that the proposed amendment does not alter the original risk assessment conclusions for fipronil use as a fire ant bait (*Solenopsis spp.*).(Please see attachment 1). The main concern is that the geographical range and potential environmental loading of fipronil residues into surface water will increase from the proposed label amendment. However, this label amendment is not expected to alter the ecological risk predicted in previous assessments.